

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present response is supplemental to the Amendment filed June 24, 2005, and is in response to the interview of July 5, 2005.

First, Applicant provides the following statement of the substance of the interview. Applicant and Applicant's representative thank Examiners Hillery and Bashore for the courtesies extended during the interview. During the interview of July 5, 2005, the amendments and arguments as set forth in the Amendment filed June 24, 2005 were reiterated and discussed. The Examiners indicated they would further consider such amendments and arguments.

Further, during that interview the Examiners raised the concern that certain language in the claims should be clarified to avoid any potential issues under 35 U.S.C. §101. Therefore, the present Supplemental Amendment also amends the claims to be more clearly directed to statutory subject matter as discussed during the interview. The claim amendments are not believed to narrow the claims in any aspect or to raise any additional issues to the allowability of the claims. That is, in view of remarks filed June 24, 2005, the presently submitted Claims 14-22 are believed to be allowable.

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Supplemental to the Amendment filed June 24, 2005, and  
in Response to the Interview of July 5, 2005.

In view of the Amendment filed June 24, 2005, and the present Supplemental  
Amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early  
and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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